

No. 6390 號十九百三千六第 日四念月四年寅戊緒光 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 25TH, 1878. 六拜禮 號五十二月五英 港香 [PRICE \$21 PER MONTH.]

INTIMATIONS

FOR MANILA.

THE Steamship
"ESMERALDA."
 Cullen, Master, will be despatched for the Port of Noon TO-DAY.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & CO.
 Hongkong, 25th May, 1878.
FOR SHANGHAI.
"AMOI,"
 G. H. Drewes, Master, will be despatched above Port TO-MORROW (Sunday); the instant, at 10 A.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.
 Hongkong, 26th May, 1878.
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY
FOR AMOI AND SHANGHAI.
 Taking Cargo and Passengers at through for HANGKOW, NINGPO, and Ports in J.
THE Company's Steamship
"MENEZES."
 will be despatched on MONDAY, the 27th at Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTHERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
 Hongkong, 26th May, 1878.
FOR MANILA, via AMOI.
THE Spanish Steamer

Blanco, Master, will be despatched a
on MONDAY, the 27th inst, at 5 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS &
Hongkong, 24th May, 1878.

PERU AND CHINA MAIL STEAM
COMPANY

FOR CALLAO.

THE Steamer "REMEDIOS"

Whamboa for the above Port, touch
HONOLULU, on or about FRIDAY, 31st
For Freight or Passage, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co., Co
Agents.
Camton, 24th May, 1878.

SHIP COMPANY.
NOTICE.
The DEPARTURE of the S.S.
"BELGIC" is POSTPONED until
DAY, the 28th instant, at 3 o'clock P.M.
G. B. EM
Agent
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1878.

The Undersigned, having effected a Lease of the above PROPERTY, PLANT, &c., have the honor to request that, until further notice, all COMMUNICATIONS with reference to the business of said Refinery be MADE TO THEM, either at their Office, Queen's Road, or at the Refinery itself.

ADAMSON, BELL
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1878.

PIANOFORTE TUNING.

MR. A. HAHN begs to announce

sideance from Praya East to No. 19, H.O.
Road, where Orders may be left, or at
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co's
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEE

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMP

CONSIGNEES per Company's
"MENELAUS"
are hereby notified that the Cargo is b
at the Office of the Agent and must be taken to the Co

Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be under the
delivery from Craft or Godown on and
25th May, 1878.
Goods undelivered after the 30th May
will be subject to Rent.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, A
Hongkong, 24th May, 1878.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO
EX O. S.S. CO.'S S.S. "MENELAUS"
FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained

instant for shipment per steamer "FATH
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, A.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1878.

CCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by S
"BELGIC"

are hereby notified that their Goods a
landed and stored at their risk in the Co
Godowns at West Point from whence

of Lading.
Goods remaining unclaimed after 1
instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. B. FLEMING
Agent
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1878.

SHIP "SIR HARRY PARKES,"
LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having
Consignees of Cargo by her are—

signs of the company, and to the
daily delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the V
be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
panse.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1878.

**FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG,
SINGAPORE.**

THE Steamship
"HISTORIAN"

of Cargo are requested to return their
Lading to the Undersigned for Com-
ture, and to take immediate delivery
Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be
landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.
JARDINE, MATHESON
Hongkong, 26th May, 1873.
CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S.S.
ESMERALDA.

are being landed and stored in the God
the Undersigned at their risk and expen
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL
Hongkong, 20th May, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES of the Undermentioned
are hereby informed that un
same be taken delivery of within ou
from this date it will be sold to pay exp
Es "ANGOSTINHO" 30th April, 1877
Causes.

JARDINE, MATHESON
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HONGKONG 24th May 1938.

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The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, MAY 25th, 1878.

THE scheme for the establishment of a steam laundry in this Colony fell to the ground partly through the lukewarm support extended to the promoters, the desirability of such an enterprise has never been questioned. The project laid before the public was, however, rather too extensive, requiring too much capital, to be successful.

Agreat number of residents promised to take shares, but as they did so more to let the company about than from any idea of an investment, a sufficient number were not taken up to justify any start being made.

A less ambitious scheme might perhaps have better. The capital required for the Hongkong Steam Laundry was \$30,000. In Singapore the prospectus of a company has just been published the capital of which is \$15,000 in six hundred shares of \$25 each.

If this capital is sufficient to float a Steam Laundry in Singapore there is no reason why it should not suffice in Hongkong. Shares to the amount of \$6,200 were taken up in Mr. COLLINGS' scheme, and no doubt had the amount required been limited to \$15,000 it would eventually have been subscribed.

In the prospectus of the Steam Laundry Company, Singapore, Limited, it is stated as follows:—"For a long time past much inconvenience has been felt in Singapore from the want of sufficient laundry accommodation to meet public requirements."

2. Table linen and wearing apparel, at present entrusted to dhobies to be washed and made up, are detained by the washermen for so unreasonable a length of time, and are so much mutilated by the rude Indian mode of clashing the cloth upon stones in the process of washing as to make the introduction of some more expeditious and less destructive mode of meeting the public wants in this respect an absolute desideratum.

3. The mixture used by the dhobies in lieu of starch often gives the clothes an unpleasant smell, and is injurious to the linen. 4. No assurance is given that filthy and unwholesome linen, from creak and decayed persons, is not passed in the same water with those of healthy and clean persons, whose linen may be only creased or soiled from a day's wear. These remarks equally apply to Hongkong after substituting Chinese for Indian, and a great deal more might be added. For instance, several instances have been mentioned of the Chinese washermen's assistants disporting themselves on the hill-side clad in foreigners' pyjamas entrusted to them to wash. It is also said that a system prevails among the washermen of hiring out foreigners' linen to people for wear, and this is stated to be the reason why it is so often delayed for a fortnight at a party. Be this as it may, it is at all events perfectly certain that the Chinese washermen are a most troublesome class of people. In a very brief space they manage to ruin the clothes and try the tempers of their customers to the last degree. The *modus operandi* of starching and ironing adopted by them is, too, not of a character pleasant for the wearer to reflect upon. The Singapore project to supersede the dhobies has, it seems, met the approval of the Government, and His Excellency Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON has placed a suitable site for the laundry at the disposal of the Company at a very moderate rent. We wish the Singapore Steam Washing Company all success, and trust that a similar project may yet be set on foot in Hongkong.

Tax recent cession of territory in Borneo to the trading company of which the Baron DE OVERSEER is the head has excited a good deal of attention in England, and has been made the subject of one or two inquiries in Parliament. The philanthropists are, as might have been expected, up in arms against it, though they evidently know little about the scheme. Some of the statements made in the English papers are utterly absurd and contain inaccuracies at which residents in the Far East will merely smile. The British Government will not, however, express any opinion upon the territorial cession made to the company by the Sultan of Borneo until the arrival of the promoters in England. The project, which involves the opening up of the great island of Borneo to trade and cultivation, is a vast one and cannot be accomplished in a day. It may not prove a golden enterprise at all, but there can be no doubt that the resources of the country are practically unlimited, and that, properly carried out, their development may be accomplished. The difficulty of obtaining labour and the heat of the climate are perhaps the most formidable obstacles to the new company, which will have to contend with a hot and malarious climate.

POLICE COURT.
24th May.
BEFORE THE HON. CHARLES MAY.

DRUNKENNESS.
George Parker, a seaman on the British bark *Thames*, 24th, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and running after the women in the streets. Fined fifty cents, in default one day's imprisonment.

Hon. Achan, a seaman, was charged with feloniously stealing a boat that was made fast to the stern of a fishing junk No. 137, in Sai Kwi Harbour, on Thursday. He was also charged with the wilful destruction of property to the value of a quantity of clothing from junk No. 1183.

His Worship sentenced him to two months' imprisonment with hard labour on the first charge, and to four months' imprisonment on the second charge. He was also ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution.

CANTON.
[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]
23rd May.

A serious passage, in which some little interest is taken by the Chinese, has arrived in this city as a prisoner, together with a wife, and three children, and a large number of other persons in all. His name is Wang Sam Yee, a Chinaman from the island of Hainan, in Kwangtung. About two months back, it appears, he took to sea in a small boat, and had no claim to the Imperial Throne, and pretended to have the power of healing the sick. He now asserts that he is the rightful Emperor of China, and has several hundred adherents in China.

The authorities took no notice of this man, for some time until his assumptions began to attract attention among the natives, when they had him and his family arrested and charged with sedition. He was tried by the Provincial Judge. His crime is one that will find no mercy, and he will in all probability find his pretensions nipped in the bud by a sentence of death. He is described as a rather fine looking man, dressed in mandarin garb, and with an imposing air. He has a few followers among the Cantonese, and there is not the ghost of a demonstration being attempted in his favour.

A fire broke out on the other day in a matel theatre at Shik Loong, five miles distant from Canton, and caused the death of many persons. The flames made such rapid way that before the audience and actors could clear out of the structure two persons were hurled to death and a number more or less injured. The matel theatre was a large one, and was crowded with people. The flames were caused by a fire in the kitchen, and spread rapidly to the other parts of the building. It is a fearful accident, and one that should be a warning to all who build such structures.

On the night of the 10th instant a Chinese trading junk called on her passage from here to Hongkong was caught in a sudden gale when near Boon Tigris and capsized. Fortunately all the crew but one were saved.

A few days since no less than ten coolie emigrants were returned in a house in the Western Suburbs, where they had collected over a week, and were then sent to the depot for the Philippines. The agents and intending emigrants have been told that no more are to be sent to the Philippines until the present season is over.

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POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES' PACKET.

The United States' Mail Packet "BELGIO" will be despatched on **TUESDAY**, the 28th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows—

3 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.
2.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage, until the time of departure.

The attention of owners, agents, and charterers of steamers is drawn to the provisions of The Post Office Ordinances, 1876, which comes into force on the 23rd instant.

Under the old Ordinance no notice was required of the departure of a vessel if not advertised, nor of departures for Canton or Macao. Notice is now required of any departure, though with regard to sailing ships, the old rule will practically remain in force, that notice need not be sent unless asked for.

legal. Consignees' letters are collected by agents from post offices and are forwarded to the post office. No person is allowed to make collection of such letters for transmission under a penalty of \$100 per week during which the practice continued.

REGISTRATION TO BANGKOK.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul for Siam has been good enough to make arrangements by means of which correspondence can be registered to Bangkok, at the usual charge of postage.

MAILS EXCHANGED WITH MANILA AND SAIGON.

The Philippine Islands being now admitted into the General Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila in the mails will be delivered free by this Office to the Philippine Islands, and vice versa. Manila is the first island to be delivered free there.

Article IX. of the Postal Treaty of Bern provides that "Neither the senders nor the addressees of letters and other postal packets shall be liable to any search."

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